

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICANT : Bret O. Baynham  
INVENTION : **SURGICAL CABLE SYSTEM**  
SERIAL NUMBER : 10/776,728  
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EXAMINER : Cumberledge, Jerry L.  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF July 20, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 20, 2006 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire October 20, 2007 and extendable to January 20, 2007 with the fee included herewith, kindly amend the above-entitled application as follows, no new matter is added:

**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 12 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheets and an annotated sheets showing changes.**

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 23 of this paper.